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BIG ROCK AND RIVERS EDGE CAMPGROUNDS OPEN AT EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Morgan – The newly renovated Big Rock and Rivers Edge campgrounds at East Canyon State Park are now open.

Big Rock campground is located on the shore of East Canyon Reservoir. All sites can accommodate RVs and tents, however, no utility hookups are offered. The day-use area provides eight cabanas with picnic tables and fire pits. Camping fees are \$12 per site, per night.

Rivers Edge is a large group area that can accommodate up to 100 people. This site includes a large pavilion with grills, picnic tables, and fire pit. No drinking water is available. The cost is \$100 per day.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 800-322-3770 or visit stateparks.utah.gov

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake – All boats, including canoes, kayaks, float and inner tubes, kick boats, rubber rafts and many inflatable toys, used on Utah's waterways must carry basic safety equipment, which should include:

- A properly sized U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. Utah law requires everyone 12 and under, those boating on a river, riding on a personal watercraft and being towed behind a vessel to wear a properly fitted and fastened life jacket.
- Bucket or bilge pump

- Spare paddle, oar or extra motor
- Horn or whistle
- Marine approved, fire extinguisher for motorboats with gasoline or diesel engines
- At least one throwable life preserver on boats 16 feet or longer
- Navigation lights for operation between sunset and sunrise

Many boats are required to carry different equipment depending upon vessel length. For specific boating safety equipment, visit stateparks.utah.gov/boating/checklist or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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SUMMER PROGRAMS AT FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK MUSEUM

Cedar City -- Frontier Homestead State Park Museum invites children age eight through 12 to participate in the hands-on history program every Wednesday from June 2 to July 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children can enjoy learning about pioneering, cabin building, rope making, candle making, the Pony Express and many other aspects of western history. There are no textbooks, workbooks or pencils - just fun, first-hand experience.

Cost of the eight-week program is \$16 per person. Passes must be purchased in advance and each program is limited to 40 participants.

Frontier Homestead State Park Museum is located at 635 North Main Street in Cedar City. To register or for more information, please call (435) 586-9290.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

June 16 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Day Camp for People with Disabilities: Join us for a fun-filled, educational experience including hiking, crafts, stories, and games teaching campers about the natural and cultural history of Clear Creek Canyon. Activities run concurrently throughout the day for a variety of ability levels. Pre-registration is required. (435) 527-4631

June 17 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal
Fremont Culture: Join Dr. Michelle Knoll, Assistant Curator of Archaeology at the University of Utah, for a lecture on the Fremont culture at 7 p.m. (435) 789-3799

June 17 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Geology Hike: Jump back to the Jurassic on a geology tour of the park. Discover why the rocks are red and how the trees turned to stone on this guided one-mile hike. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

June 18 Rockport State Park - Peoa
Hawks Up Close: Join Jordanelle State Park Naturalist Kathy Donnell at 7 p.m. to learn about some amazing predators of the sky. (435) 336-2241

June 18 – 20 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Primitive Pottery Workshop: Participants learn how to make pottery like the ancient Fremont Indians. Through one-on-one instruction, local artists will teach methods of pottery making, decorating and firing in a rock-lined pit. Cost is \$60 and clay and tools are available for purchase. (435) 527-4631

June 19 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Gourmet Hike: Join Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park at 9 a.m. in the visitor center parking lot for an intermediate to advanced hike led by cooking and nutrition expert Leslie Smoot and Friends' member Dayna Stern. Learn about healthy lightweight foods to bring on hikes. Bring a yummy dish to share. Friends' members will supply eating utensils. (435) 654-3221

June 19 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Junior Ranger Program - Nature Discovery: Children six to 12 are invited to discover some of the wonders of the outdoors during this one-hour program designed to get kids excited about nature. Meet at the campground office at 1 p.m. (435) 654-1791

June 19 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Junior Ranger - Fabulous Fossils! Explore Earth's ancient history. Learn about fossils and how they form. Make your own fossil and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

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